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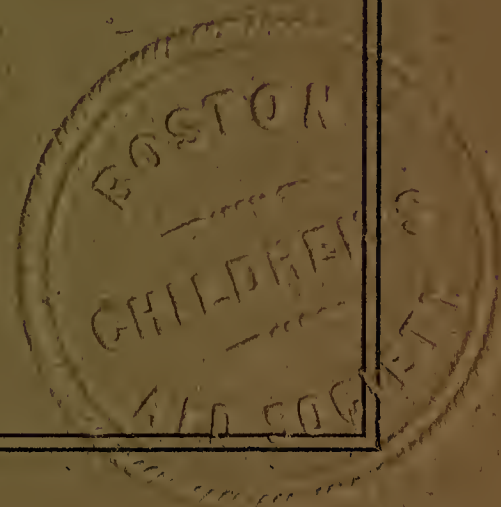
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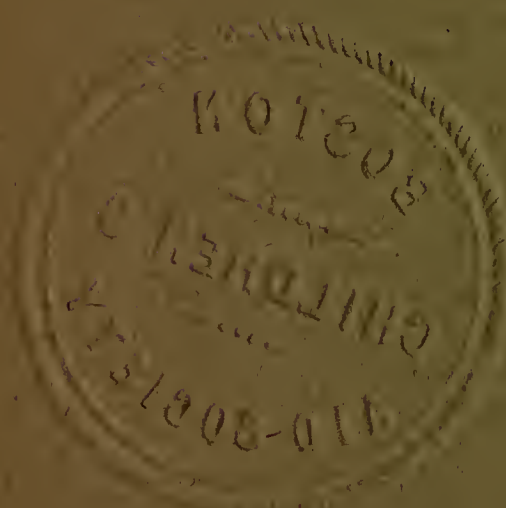
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The Annual Report of an old Society undoubtedly seems to many people neither very important nor interesting, so little does the story vary from year to year, still, a brief summary of the statistics and experiences of the year seems due to our friends who help us with their money, and to the new friends whose interest we hope to enlist for the future.

We have been fortunate this year in adding a little to our visitors' list and this has been a great encouragement and help to the old workers. In the hardest part of the severe winter when some desperate cases of sickness and need came to us it would have been very difficult for us to care for them properly if we had not had the efficient aid of these new visitors.

We shall still be glad to have more helpers in this important part of our work.

One hundred and thirteen cases have been investigated and visited during the year, and about three hundred visits were made. Thirty families have needed help on account of sickness, age, or some special misfortune. Eight cases can be traced directly to intemperance, and many others undoubtedly have come indirectly from this sad cause. The severe and long continued cold of the winter made it more difficult than usual for many men to get work, although the frequent snow storms furnished occupation for some of the unemployed. The severe

cold also necessitated more fuel, and the scant clothing and bed covering caused much suffering, so that all we could do to relieve these needs seemed very slight and insufficient.

Employment, permanent and temporary was found for a number of men and women. Our sewing was given to thirty-nine women, and as usual it has been a great help to those who would otherwise have needed out and out charity.

Never has the friendly visiting seemed more important than in this last year. One case of serious illness occurred, necessitating the immediate removal of a mother of eight children to a hospital, the father also being away in an Insane Asylum. The visitor had to superintend the woman's move, to find temporary homes for the children, and place them in these homes, all of this difficult work to be done in a few hours as the little ones could not be left alone. This is only one of many similar cases, which are frequently coming to our visitors, and their varied experiences are a constant education. The visitor has great opportunities to help and advise, and often her wisdom and sympathy are taxed to the utmost by the problems and troubles which are placed before her. How often, too, her admiration is called out by the patience and courage of those who are bearing sickness, poverty and distress! In several cases our society has been able to work very satisfactorily with the various churches and with other organizations, one of these being the new society for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis.

We desire to make our society of the best possible use to this community, and we ask all who read this report to bring to our notice all cases which need our investigation or care. If the case is worthy and we are unable to aid, it belongs to us to try to place it under the care of some other society.

Our thanks are due to all who have helped us with money or contributions of any kind, and we hope for the continued

interest of our friends without which, it would be impossible to carry on our work.

Of the multiplication of new societies there is no end, and all, no doubt, are doing beneficent work, but in the enthusiasm for the new, there is sometimes danger of forgetting the old. Among these we believe, that none in our midst is more important in its claims than the Jamaica Plain Friendly Society, which was organized thirty-one years ago.

Our room is open from 10 to 1 on week days, except Saturdays and holidays, from October 1st to May 1st. A list of women needing work of different kinds, among them some competent seamstresses, also a list of men out of work will be found on our agent's books. A supply of well-made plain underclothing, also children's dresses and aprons are kept for sale at the hall.

Will our friends please notice at the end of this report the "Form of Bequest" which has been added this year.

ELLEN C. MORSE,
For Case Committee.

STATISTICS FOR 1903-1904.

Applicants	.	.	.	.	.	113
Women taking sewing	.	.	.	.	.	39
Garments cut	.	.	.	.	.	151
" made (for room and orders)	.	.	.	.	.	151
" " (for hospitals)	.	.	.	.	.	3143
" new (given away)	.	.	.	.	.	40
Boots	"	"	"	(pairs)	.	60
Rubbers	"	"	"	(pairs)	.	50

TREASURER'S REPORT.

OCTOBER 1903 TO OCTOBER 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Balance brought from last year.....	28 81
Received from Subscriptions.....	1264 60
" for Interest.....	295 00
" for Shoes.....	3 00
" from Thanksgiving Service.....	17 57
" from Rev. Mr. Grose for Expenses.....	4 00
" from Sales.....	33 50
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	1646 48
Received from Executors under the will of Sarah H. Henry...	1900 00
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	\$3546 48

EXPENDITURES.

Agent's Salary.....	310 00
Paid for Provisions and Milk.....	116 22
" Case Committee for Sewing Women.....	632 80
" for Boots and Shoes.....	109 43
" " Coal.....	109 93
" " Materials.....	86 00
" " Printing.....	52 62
" " Moving Furniture.....	4 00
" " Postage and Stationery.....	6 23
" " Express.....	85
" " Board Bill.....	10 00
" Associated Charities.....	1 50
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	1439 58
Paid for C. B. & Q. Bonds and Interest.....	1881 39
Cash on hand.....	225 51
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	\$3546 48

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. CLARK, *Treasurer.*

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